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CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371

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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.

INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE

PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED

PCT/JP2005/015435

August 25, 2005

August 26, 2004

TITLE OF INVENTION

ULTRASONIC DIAGNOSIS SYSTEM

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US

WATANABE et al.

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☒ This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(I).
4. ☐ A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
 - a. ☐ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☒ has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)
6. ☒ A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
7. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
 - a. ☐ are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☒ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☒ A signed oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).
10. ☐ A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11. to 16. below concern document(s) or information included:

11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, Form 1449, 6 references.
12. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☒ A FIRST preliminary amendment, annotated specification and abstract, clean specification and abstract.
☐ A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.
14. ☐ A substitute specification.
15. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
16. ☒ Other items or information: Application Data Sheet (5 pages), International Publication Page WO 2006/022327, Form PCT/ISA/210, Form PCT/ISA/237, Form PCT/ISA/304, Form PCT/IB/308, Communication Regarding Requested Figure

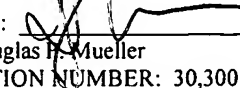
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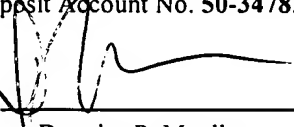
- ☒ Transmittal sheet, in duplicate, containing Certificate Under 37 CFR 1.10;
- ☒ National Stage Patent Application including: Description - 11 pages; 4 Claims - 2 pages; Abstract - 1 page; Drawings - 5 sheets (formal);
- ☒ Signed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney;
- ☒ Application Data Sheet - 5 pages;
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, Form 1449, 6 references
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- ☒ Return postcard

CLAIMS AS FILED

| Number of Claims Filed | No. | In Excess of | Extra | Rate | Fee |
|-------------------------------|-----|--------------|-------|------|---------|
| Total Claims | 6 | 20 | 0 | 50 | = 0 |
| Independent Claims | 3 | 3 | 0 | 200 | = 0 |
| Multiple Dependent Claims Fee | | | | | = 0 |
| Basic Filing Fee | | | | | = 300 |
| Search Fee | | | | | = 400 |
| Examination Fee | | | | | = 200 |
| Utility Application Size Fee | 19 | 100 | 0 | 250 | = 0 |
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COMMUNICATION REGARDING REQUESTED FIGURE

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Dear Commissioner:

In connection with the above-identified application, applicant respectfully requests that Figure 2 be printed on the front page of the published application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record Douglas P. Mueller (Reg. No. 30,300), at (612) 455.3804.

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